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MR. HARRIMAN'S SUIT.

THE SUIT BEGUN in St. Paul by the
Harriman interests against the
Northern Securities company is appar-
ently a friendly arrangement between
Mr. Harriman and Mr. Hill, by which
the United States courts are to
interpret the effect of the recent deci-
sion in the Northern Securities case.
Whether there is any real contention
between the parties to the suit is un-
known, but the fact that the stock mar-
ket shows no sympathetic reaction fol-
lowing the filing of the complaint, is
pretty fair evidence that neither side
is violently alarmed over the ultimate
outcome of the case.

After the supreme court decided
against the Northern Securities com-
pany, the stockholders of that com-
pany formulated a plan whereby each
stock of Northern Securities was to be
exchanged for \$39.37 in Northern Pacific
and \$30.17 in Great Northern stock. Mr.
Harriman demurs to this plan since,
he says, it would vest the control of
both northern lines in the same stock-
holders, thereby defeating the purpose
of the supreme court decision. Instead,
he asks the United States court to or-
der the return to him of the Northern
Pacific common stock and preferred
stock afterward converted into com-
mon, which he put into the Northern
Securities.

It will be remembered that the con-
trol of Northern Pacific through its
common stock was the prize for which
Harriman and Hill fought so bitterly
that it precipitated the most memora-
ble crisis known in Wall street in two
decades. Possibly Mr. Harriman has in
mind some stroke whereby he may still
secure control of the road or prevent
Hill from getting it absolutely, but if
so, the Hill-Morgan interests are show-
ing very little interest in the prospect.
More likely, the present litigation is
intended to prevent any smaller stock-
holder in either the Northern Securities
or the two railroads from complicating
an amicable settlement of the question
involved in the distribution of North-
ern Securities assets.

BET SUGAR PRODUCTION.

IN A RECENT ISSUE of Willett &
Gray's Trade Journal a table show-
ing the production of beet sugar during
the year 1903 is presented. It shows
that the total production was 26,125
tons, an increase of 12,672 over the pre-
ceding year. Fifty-three factories in
twelve states were in operation, which
is eleven more than were in operation
in 1902. Rapidly as the beet sugar in-
dustry is growing, however, the supply
of beet sugar is far from equal to the
demand.

When we reduce the beet sugar pro-
duction from tons to pounds the total,
416,270,000, seems tremendous. That is
a fraction more than five pounds of sug-
ar for every man, woman and child
in the United States, estimating the
population at 90,000,000. But the people
of the United States all seem to have
the "sweet tooth" abnormally devel-
oped. The per capita consumption of
sugar annually is seventy-one pounds.
True, the cane sugar makers are very
strong competitors of the beet sugar
men. More cane than beet sugar is used
in the United States. Part of it is made
in this country, part comes from Ha-
waii and, since the reciprocity agree-
ment with Cuba, went into effect, a
large increase has been noted in the
imports from that island. And then,
with a tariff on sugar of a little less
than 2 cents a pound, 447,000,000 was
paid into the treasury in 1903 by sugar
importers.

There should be a great future ahead
for the beet sugar industry if no more
concessions are made to foreign coun-
tries in the matter of the sugar tariff.
Especially in the west, where the soil
and climate seem to be particularly
adapted to the raising of sugar beets,
the making of beet sugar should with-
in the next few years attain the promi-
nence it most thoroughly deserves.

AIRSHIP RACES.

AT LEAST ONE FEATURE of the
St. Louis exposition will be en-
tirely new. This is the balloon and air-
ship races scheduled to begin in June
and September. Rules for the contests
were published yesterday. The air-
ship contests and professional balloon
races occur in June, and the amateur
balloonists will have a chance in Sep-
tember. Entries will close June 1, and
it behooves every intending contestant
to oil his machinery and see that his
ships are on the grounds in plenty of
time.

Up to date there are thirty-four en-
tries, including Santos-Dumont, Le
Baudy and four other foreigners.
These are enough to make some very
interesting races, whether any other
entries are received or not. In the air-
ship contests the racers must make
eighteen and three-quarters miles an
hour at least in one of the fastest.
Another provision is that all airships must
be returned to the fair grounds unless
wrecked, a possibility that must not be
overlooked.

Interest in these racing events, the
first of their kind ever held in this
country and the most important ever
held in any country, can hardly fail
to be very keen. The fact that there
are so many entries indicates marked

progress in aerial navigation. It is too
much to hope that any inventor will
be able to show a perfect airship, or
anything closely approaching perfec-
tion, but several will undoubtedly have
balloons that can go against the wind
and that can be steered with some de-
gree of certainty. Even that much is
an indication that, sooner or later, the
great problem will be solved.

DENVER'S NEW CHARTER.

THE PROGRESS of the city of Den-
ver under its new charter adopted
by the people last week will be watched
with considerable interest by citizens
of other municipalities, especially by
those that believe in public ownership
of the utilities. By a somewhat round-
about, but nevertheless sure, method,
the new Denver charter provides for
municipal ownership of street car lines,
electric light plants, telephone systems
and such other utilities as the needs of
the public may demand.

When 25 per cent of the voters peti-
tion for the purchase of any utility, the
street railway system, for instance, it
becomes the duty of the council to di-
rect the board of public works to look
into the matter with a view to ascer-
taining its feasibility. The board of
public works, at the conclusion of its
investigation, must report to the mayor
regarding the propriety of the purchase
of the property, the expense involved
in the undertaking and whether or not
it can, to use the language of the char-
ter, "be operated at a profit or advan-
tage, either in quality or cost of pub-
lic service."

If the report shows that the railway
system can be made to pay for itself
out of its net earnings within a period
of time not exceeding fifty years, the
council must secure a legal opinion on
the subject, and if that is satisfactory
the board of public works must pre-
pare an ordinance providing for the
purchase of the property and submit it
to the council. If a bond issue is re-
quired by the ordinance the question
of issuing the bonds must be submitted
to the taxing voters, a majority of
them being necessary to the issuance
of bonds.

It will be seen that there are many
opportunities for delaying proceedings
and many possibilities of bringing
about the defeat of any proposition. An
unfavorable report by the board of
public works would kill it instantly;
there might be a legal opinion against
it; the ordinance might not prove sat-
isfactory to the council; it might be
vetoed by the mayor; and, finally, the
people might vote the whole thing
down by refusing to issue bonds.

A ROOSEVELT STORY.

FROM WASHINGTON comes a story
about a story told by President
Roosevelt at luncheon with some
friends the other day during a discus-
sion of the candidacy of William Ran-
dolph Hearst for the Democratic presi-
dential nomination. The story was told
originally by Abraham Lincoln, but
Roosevelt seemed to think it fit his
case. This is the tale:

"A man had a fine trotting stallion,
which had beaten everything in sight. Its
owner brought the stallion up in front
of the grand stand and was surrounded
by admiring friends. In a few minutes
a farmer came along, who said:
"I'll bet ye \$100 I can beat that horse."
"A match was made and a \$30 forfeit
was put up.
"When the time came for the race the
man who owned the stallion refused to
race.
"Why," asked some friends.
"Well," said the man, "there will be
no glory in beating a Durham bull, and
think of my position if the Durham bull
beats me."
The natural inference is that if Mr.
Hearst should be nominated at St.
Louis next July Mr. Roosevelt would
decline to run against him. We may
be wrong, but this is the only expla-
nation we can get out of the story. But
Mr. Hearst is not going to be nomi-
nated at St. Louis, so President Roose-
velt will not be under the need to him-
self in the necessity of withdrawing.

Walter Wellman, in his Washington
correspondence of the Chicago Record-
Herald, notes a decided change in the
manner of President Roosevelt. Here-
tofore he has been "delighted" to meet
everybody that was introduced to him.
More, every other caller has been "just
the man I wanted to see." People have
been commenting on this trait, espe-
cially people who have heard him tell
somebody else, just after he told them,
that the somebody else was "just the
man I wanted to see." It is gratifying
to record this change in the president.
And of course it makes him very much
more worthy of the Republican nomi-
nation.

William Allen White says the trouble
with Senator Burton of Kansas is that
he has always been dishonest. Well,
he won't have much chance to be dis-
honest in public life very long. Burton
ran squarely against a buzz saw when
he engaged in shady practices as a
United States senator and got caught
at it.

Citizens of New York are aroused be-
cause the landlords are charging ex-
orbitant rents. We can't help wonder-
ing what they are going to do about it.
Salt Lake landlords have a penchant
in that direction and if the New York-
ers have any luck with their protest
we'll be glad to follow their example.

The powder trust is busy gobbling up
some independent factories. It should
not be hard to "bust" a trust like that.
A three-minute fuse and a match
ought to do the trick almost any time.

A Chicago pastor wants to know if
the Japs will decide that Christianity
is a failure. Yes, they may, if Russia,
under the name of Christianity, is al-
lowed to glowly grind Japan to powder.

A New York woman wants a divorce
because her husband smokes a pipe.
And the chances are that she lavishes
most of her affection on a frowny poodle
dog.

Peace is said to be in sight in the
Colorado strike district. The man that
said it must have used a very powerful
telescope.

From Volume One.
(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)
"How well George Bellinger talked
about Berlin and Bavaria last night."
"Yes, he's buying an encyclopedia on
installments."

BREAKFAST FOOD

Plaintive plea for "harmony."
Senior perplexed by the young.
Edna Hall of San Francisco, who is the
guest of Miss Edith Shearman. Only
about a dozen guests were present, but
the afternoon was spent most enjoy-
ably.

SOCIETY

Log of the Ex-Jim Jammers.
It was last summer, when our firm
had its annual outing at Lagoon. The
manager was along and the outlook
was gloomy. He had the reputation
of being the most religious and tem-
perate man west of the mountains, up
to that time. Up to that time, well,
we spread out the food on some long
tables and chawed up the sandwiches
and pickles, listened to the era of good
feeling speeches and all that, but there
was something lacking. We all knew
what it was, but none of us dared to
speak, because we had all, at one time
or another, heard the old gentleman
voice his opinion of vinous, spirituous
and malt beverages. About the time
we got to the second round of sand-
wiches, however, the old man made a
short address that nearly killed us. I
remember every word of that memora-
ble speech: "Boys," he said, "it
strikes me that this stuff is kind of
dry. I hereby produce one dollar to
put into the bottom of the pail, and I
trust each will contribute according
to his means." "Well, stand for about
eight rounds at one dollar per myself."
Well, talk about heart failure! We
were speechless for about one minute,
and then we emitted a hoarse shout
that made the veteran artillerymen on
the other side of the bowerly think the
drum broke loose again. "Four
husky lads collected that coin from
the party and vanished. In about five

Miss Sherman and Miss Laura Sher-
man entertained a few friends at a
supper last evening complimentary to
Miss Annie Swords.

Captain and Mrs. H. D. Styer and
their children came down from Logan
visiting Major and Mrs. Wilkes.

Miss Miriam Nelke of Provo is visit-
ing friends in the city.

Mrs. James K. Gilchrist will leave
about the 1st of May to make her home
with her brother in Illinois. Mrs. Gil-
christ will be missed by a wide circle
of friends in Salt Lake, where she has
made her home for many years.

Mrs. J. L. Craig, who has been ill at
St. Mark's hospital, has recovered suf-
ficiently to be removed to her apart-
ments at the Calhoun.

Mrs. H. L. Bell of Ogden is visiting
Mrs. E. M. Allison.

Miss Annie Swords of New York, who
has been the guest for some time of
Mr. and Mrs. William Bayly, Jr., will
leave today or tomorrow for her home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McPherson enter-
tained at euchre last evening in honor
of Mrs. Charles Shields and Mrs.
James White of Park City. The char-
mante home was decorated with American
Beverly and Easter lilies, and the
score and tally cards were all on the
Easter order. About thirty guests were
present and enjoyed the game.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Broadbent are
receiving congratulations over the ar-
rival of a fine baby girl at their home,
628 South Fifth street. The
stranger arrived last Easter afternoon.

The main social event of today is the
luncheon to be given by Mrs. David
Evans.

The Woman's club will hold an open
meeting today at the home of Mrs. W.
H. Jones on Third East street. Mrs.
A. J. Johnson, president of the club,
will give an address, and Mrs. Charles
Wells of the Cleofan will give a talk
on art, illustrated with copies of fa-
mous paintings. Mrs. John Reed will
read and music will be furnished by
Miss Burns and Mrs. Harry Ganz.

The Cleofan will meet this afternoon
with Mrs. I. A. Clayton at 80 A street.
Mrs. Clayton will give a talk on Dante
Gabriel Rossetti.

The marriage of Miss Esther M.
King and Eugene Cahoon will take
place today in San Francisco.

Mrs. Geoffrey Lavelle and Miss Hes-
ter Lavelle of Oakland are visiting Mr.
and Mrs. A. H. Tarbet.

Mrs. C. Jefferies of 548 South First
West street, will entertain the P. N. C.
club at her home Thursday, April 7,
1904.

The employees of Z. C. M. I. will give
another large dancing party at Chris-
tensen's hall a week from Thursday.

Judge W. S. Lewis and wife of Lees-
burg, Va., and S. M. Browne and wife
of Vernal are spending a few days in
the city.

Adding to your enemies doesn't add
to your comfort.

It is rather peculiar that none of Mr.
Hearst's great newspapers has been
able to get particulars regarding Judge
Parker's boom.

If the Colombians should really make
war on us we do hope they will let us
know when they are fighting.

The Tibetans have the Boers to
thank for the anti-seizure sentiment in
England.

Senator Smoot should not be annoyed
because some Wichita women hung him
in effigy. Kansas has to break out in
a new place every once in awhile.

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